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In re Application of: HOWLAND, Charles

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Request for Continued ExaminationTransmittal Letter

Applicant respectfully requests the Office accept the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-mentioned application. A petition is filed concurrent with this request to withdraw the allowed application from issuance in order to consider additional materials.

Applicant herein submits:

- 1) Request for Continued Examination PTO/SB/30;
- 2) Fees as noted in Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement;
- 4) Forms SB/08A and SB/08B; and
- 5) Two (2) references

REMARKS

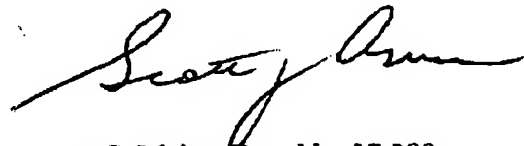
The Applicant, Warwick Mills, Inc., being the assigned owner of the patent application has filed a petition herein to withdraw the allowed patent application in order to have the Office consider three (3) references and a Statement submitted herewith.

No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy consideration, and further requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

This RCE is being submitted in good faith and is a bona fide attempt to advance the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500323 AUTHORIZATION - All necessary fees relating to the attached submittal, if any, are intended to be included. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees relating to the submittal to deposit account 500323, registered to Vernon C. Maine P.L.L.C., dba Maine & Asmus, contact telephone no. 603-886-6100.

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